

www.bookgroup.info

**Newsletter No 31
November 2005**

Dear readers,

Many of you have joined our directory and we are very pleased to be registering good numbers across the country. Do check via [bookgroups](#) button to see if you're listed and please get in touch if there are any problems.

Hope you are enjoying the [Wine Australia](#) gift bottles (we are!)

This month's thorny problem aired on the [problem page](#) has produced a good postbag from you – thanks, and we have printed a couple on the replies page. If you have a reading group problem that needs some advice please get in touch.

New reviews and features are coming next month, but for the rest of November we are keeping October's features.

The 2005 British **Crimewriters Association** [Golden Dagger Award](#) has been won by an Icelandic author, Arnaldur Indridason, for SILENCE OF THE GRAVE.

[Bookgroup of the Month](#) may whet your appetite to join the throng and we would love to hear from you. Please answer the questions, emailing your responses to info@bookgroup.info

Guardian First Book Award has sparked some controversy. If you are interested in any disparity between judges and reading groups we recommend you read this article: <http://books.guardian.co.uk/fba2005/story/0,16340,1607280,00.html>

We would be interested in hearing your opinions on formulae that make excellent book reading group choices.

Apologies – wrong website given out last month. Please go to www.biggayread.com for all info on The Big Gay Read.

The Peoples Network newly launched www.reader2reader.net is designed for readers to exchange comments and give recommendations. Every month there will be a live chat session (next - Wednesday, 16 November) and the R2R group read each month where site visitors are invited to read and share their comments about a book. November's title is THE NINTH LIFE OF LOUIS DRAX.

The Reading Agency is promoting discussion of books with its pilot [Radio Listening Posts](#) in 30 libraries. You can listen to archives of author interviews from the Radio 4's popular 'Front Row', 'Open Book' and 'Book Club' programmes. Younger users will have access to a range of interviews with top children's authors.

Sarah Singleton has won **The Booktrust Teenage Prize** for CENTURY. For details go to www.bookheads.org.uk

Penguin competition: have your photo on the cover of a Penguin classic. Great prizes...go to www.guardian.co.uk/books and click through competitions and awards.

Please email us at info@bookgroup.info if you wish to unsubscribe to the newsletter.

Happy reading, discussion and bookgrouping!



www.bookgroup.info